

***Slaughter Secures Additional Funding to Improve and Expand NFARS***

**Niagara Falls, NY** - Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, today announced \$5,700,000 to construct an indoor firing range at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station (NFARS). At Rep. Slaughter's request, the funding was authorized as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Authorization bill that passed the House of Representatives today. Additionally, the funding was included in the Fiscal Year 2010 Military Construction appropriations bill which was reported out of full Committee yesterday and will be voted on by the House of Representatives shortly. Rep. Slaughter is NFARS' strongest advocate in Congress and has worked tirelessly to improve and expand the base

**"I am proud of the continuing investments being made in the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station,"** said Rep. Slaughter. **"I will continue to work toward improving and expanding the Base, to provide our servicemen and women with the quality facilities and equipment they deserve."**

The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station is the largest employer in Niagara County and as such, is not only critical to our national security but vital to the economic well-being of the region.

Rep. Slaughter has a long history of defending the Base from closure. In 2005, NFARS was placed on the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) list. However after months of negotiations, Rep. Slaughter and the New York State Congressional Delegation, along with the Niagara Military Affairs Council, successfully pressured the BRAC Commission to take NFARS off of the list.

Over the years Rep. Slaughter has secured millions in federal funding for NFARS, most recently securing \$9 million for a new dining facility in fiscal year 2009 federal appropriations. She has also been instrumental in bringing additional aircraft to the Base. Her efforts have been key in

keeping the reserve station operational and off the BRAC list.

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